



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Shunpei YAMAZAKI)
Serial No. 09/832,844)
Filed: April 12, 2001)
For: ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE)

Art Unit: 2826
Examiner: M. Tran

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Official Action mailed October 21, 2003, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Two Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to March 21, 2004. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

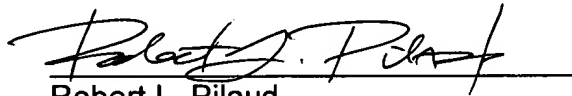
The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 12, 2001, May 16, 2001, November 2, 2001, November 27, 2001, March 7, 2002, May 1, 2002, May 20, 2002, October 21, 2002, January 8, 2003, March 13, 2003, and June 9, 2003. However, the Applicant has not received acknowledgment of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 17, 2003 (received by OIPE on September 22, 2003), and October 9, 2003 (received by OIPE on October 14, 2003). The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 evidencing consideration of these Information Disclosure Statements.

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 4, 7, 11, 15, 19, 22 and 26 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 3 of the Official Action provisionally rejects claims 1-30 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 6-62 of copending Application No. 09/448,463 to Yamazaki. The Applicant notes that the '463 application is commonly owned, and that the issue fee has been paid in the '463 application. The Applicant respectfully requests that the double patenting rejections be held in abeyance until the '463 application is issued as a patent. At such time, the Applicant will respond to any remaining double patenting rejections.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Pilaud", written over a horizontal line.

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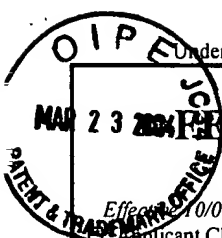
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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.
Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
20** =	X	\$18	
Independent Claims -3** =	X	\$86	
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	\$420.00
1253	950	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) <u>Certificate of Correction</u>					

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